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Comments on Proposed Revision of [] and Proposed []
Dealing with Agency Relationships to the Bureau of the Budget

1. The proposed new function for the D/PPB to "control and coordinate all Agency relationships with the Bureau of the Budget" appears to subject the Legislative Counsel's present legislative liaison responsibilities with BOB to the command authority of the D/PPB. It is assumed that it is not the intent to so revise the existing regulatory relationship between the D/PPB and the Legislative Counsel on this matter.

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"FUNCTIONS. The Legislative Counsel shall:

(d) Subject to coordination with the Director of Planning, Programming, and Budgeting, conduct liaison with the Bureau of the Budget with respect to proposed legislation, enrolled bills, reports on proposed legislation, and proposed Executive orders."

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2. The conflict in language between revised [] and [] would be resolved with the addition of an excepting phrase and would make the proposed revision read somewhat along the following lines.

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"(5) Control and coordinate all Agency relationships with the Bureau of the Budget, except the liaison relationship of the Legislative Counsel under []

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3. A similar conflict in language is raised in proposed [] and would be eliminated by a similar exception. To be effective, however, the exception should be stated as a separate and preferably final subparagraph somewhat along the following lines.

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"g. The functions of the Legislative Counsel under [] is excepted from the foregoing provisions."

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4. While not affecting the Legislative Counsel, there appears to be a conflict pertaining to D/NIPE within proposed [] Subparagraph 5 b 25X1A affords D/NIPE an exception from otherwise imposed control and coordination by D/PPB when D/NIPE is fulfilling his responsibility of informing BOB of intelligence community decisions having resource implications. The exception granted by 5 b appears to be negated, however, by the requirements of 5 c and 5 d, which, without some change in wording, would appear to apply to D/NIPE even when he is informing BOB of intelligence community decision having resource implications.

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